HOUSE BILL 165

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 24, relative to community schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 24, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) Community schools and communities of schools may establish programs to make professional counseling services available to individuals held in correctional or detention facilities in this state. The professional counseling services may be provided by federal and state licensed agencies, nonprofits, and private corporations.
- (b) Community schools and communities of schools may combine multiple funding sources to make professional counseling services available to individuals held in correctional or detention facilities in this state. Funding sources may include, but are not limited to, any available state and federal funds and private donations.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.